



FACT SHEET

- The second annual night time *Click It or Ticket* mobilization is running from February 22nd through February 28th. Motorists can expect to see increased traffic enforcement at night in the form of checkpoints and patrols as police statewide look for unbelted drivers and passengers.
- The goal of Click It or Ticket is to save lives and reduce injuries by getting more people to buckle up.
- The February *Click It or Ticket* campaign is shorter than the May effort and places additional emphasis on increasing seat belt use at night.
- Seat belt use is approximately 10% lower at night than in the daytime, yet this is when a person's chance of being killed in a crash triples.
- In Delaware, more than half of people killed in night time crashes from 2003 – 2007 were not buckled up. This is anywhere from 4 – 15% lower than belt use in daytime fatal crashes.
- Delaware's current seatbelt usage rate is at an all time high of 91%, and is higher than the national average of 83%.
- Officers will be on the lookout for those who violate Delaware's seat belt and child restraint laws. They will also be looking for impaired and aggressive drivers who by the very nature of their risky behavior are less likely to buckle up.
- Delaware's law requires everyone in the vehicle, that includes the driver and all passengers, even those in the back seat, to buckle up. The fine for violations is \$25, plus court processing costs. Total fines could be \$40 or even more in some municipalities.
- In 2008, 79 vehicle occupants died on Delaware roadways, 40 (51%) were not wearing seatbelts.
- Wearing a seat belt improves your chance of surviving a crash by approximately 50%.